

should be maintained, for it will not be denied that as it has been useful in the past so will it be in the future, and it will be easier to maintain it than to rescind it, if once you permit it to collapse. I think an exceedingly moderate increase in the subscription would equalize the cost of a splendid use. I think there is nothing further that I can suggest, but I am gratified to see the conditions of trade here and in China gradually becoming more satisfactory, and there are not wanting indications that commerce everywhere is starting on a new era of prosperity throughout the world at large (applause).

The Chairman—(after a pause)—As there appear to be no questions I beg to move the adoption of the Report and statement of accounts. This was seconded by the Hon. Mr. B. Hill and carried unanimously amidst applause.

Then the appointments of Mr. A. McConachie and Mr. N. A. Slebs as members of the Committee were confirmed, and the names of new members of the Chamber (Messrs. A. H. Paine, The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., Bradley & Co., G. H. Wheeler, Attorney New York Standard Oil Company, Shewan & Co., and The Mitsui Bussan Kaisha) duly announced, as was also the probable return of Mr. C. H. Hill to the Colony.

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seems unlikely it will be inclined to entertain the suggestions made, but the matter has been referred to the Secretary of State who may perhaps be disposed to adopt broader views more consistent with what ought to be the common interest of two British Colonies.

RESTRICTIONS ON THE IMPORTATION OF MACHINERY INTO CHINA.

In reply to the Chamber's enquiries regarding the prohibitory notification, referred to last year, issued by the Commissioner of Customs, Shanghai, Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at Peking stated that the Doyen of the Corps Diplomatique had protested against the notification in question, and had informed the Chinese Government that the foreign representatives declined to recognize its validity as being opposed to the privileges accorded by the treaties, and that the question still formed the subject of correspondence between the Corps Diplomatique and the Tsung-li Yamen; adding that communication to the same effect had been addressed to Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at the different treaty ports. The matter was brought up in the House of Commons on 26th June last by Sir G. Haden Powell, when a reply similar to the above statement was elicited.

INDIAN IMPORT DUTY ON SILVER.

The agitation started last year against a measure calculated to still further complicate the silver question, which is an adversely affecting the trade between India, Hongkong and China, has been widely, but ineffectually, maintained, and there are apparently no present indications that the Indian Government intends to abandon the position it has taken up.

THE COINAGE OF A BRITISH DOLLAR.

The Committee learned with satisfaction that the Home Authorities had decided to sanction the above coinage, the necessity for which has at different times throughout the year been keenly felt, emphasizing the desirability of not being dependent upon outside sources for any portion of the currency. A slight want of unanimity on the part of some of the mercantile community in Singapore may have caused a little delay, but it has been decided to begin coming at once. The dollar will be 410 grains in weight and of 900 millimal fineness, corresponding with the Japanese Yen, and will be considered a legal tender in Hongkong and the Straits Settlements. It will be minted for the public at one per cent. in exchange for bullion.

SUNDAY CARGO-WORKING ORDINANCE.

The Chamber has had occasion to call the attention of the Government to an amendment in the Sunday Labour Ordinance which would allow all mail steamers to discharge and load cargo on Sunday, and to the detriment of British shipping) provided Hongkong is not the terminal port, to discharge and take in cargo without incurring the fees imposed by the Ordinance, pointing out that the relaxation of these fees is an unfair concession to mail steamers enabling them to obtain quicker despatch and more successfully to compete against the less fortunate ordinary carriers unsubsidized and handicapped in addition to the extent of Sunday working. The concession is believed to have been made unsolicited at the suggestion of the Post Office authorities, and was apparently unnecessary, as the mail steamers without acceleration of speed can easily deliver their mails well within contract time. Under the same Ordinance the Government recently prosecuted the agents of the steamer *Hugh* for violation of the law by loading bunker coal on Sunday. The Magistrate decided that bunker coal is not cargo and dismissed the case thus supporting a previous decision given in favour of the steamer *Whangpoo* adding—"I am of opinion the Ordinance overlooked the existence of bunker coal, or else never intended it to be regarded as cargo." A question referred to the Chamber as to whether or not ballast would be considered cargo under the Ordinance remains undecided, as in the particular case referred to, which would have been made a test case, the steamer arrived in time to call on the authorities in connection with the Harbour Master expressed an opinion that as ballast is not included in the clause exempting certain things from the provisions of the Ordinance, a permit would be necessary, to which a few attaches according to the tonnage of the vessel.

THE TELEGRAPH COMPANIES AND THE CHAMBER.

The Chamber has had the opportunity during the past year of exchanging congratulations with the Telegraph Companies on the completion of the cable connecting Hongkong with Singapore via Borneo and Labuan, and also on the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the initiation of telegraphy in the Far East.

PREFERENTIAL DUTIES ON JUNK-CARRIED CARGO.

This vexed question has again cropped up on several occasions, beginning with a renewed complaint on the part of the River Steamboat Companies that these concessions were again being freely granted, with the result that the bulk of the revenue was being directed by mail to their steamers to native junks. The difficulty of adding positive proof that special allowances are made, a matter which Her Britannic Majesty's Minister at Peking, who has taken a keen interest in the question, has made almost *impossible*, still remains. Particulars of many instances in which these concessions have been granted are not difficult to obtain, but owing to the dread of the Chinese have of their own officials, and the fear, however remote, of in any way compromising themselves by giving evidence in such a matter, renders it all but impossible to get these particulars substantiated. His Excellency the Governor has made himself fully acquainted with the question, and will, no doubt, use his influence to endeavour to bring about a reform. Our neighbours in Canton have approached the subject, but from a different point of view, contending that the granting of duties is a positive benefit to the exporters of tea, and other articles of produce. It may even be admitted that in some instances such benefits do accrue, but it cannot be gainsaid that these are obtained contrary to the terms of the treaties, and if a deviation from treaty obligations in one direction is allowed to pass unnoticed, similar departures in other directions would be sure to follow.

THE WAR BETWEEN CHINA AND JAPAN.

It was brought to the notice of the Government on the 7th August that though war had been declared between these two countries it had not been officially made known in the colony, and that business was being seriously interfered with owing to the uncertainty that prevailed as to what treatment neutral vessels and neutral interests might be expected to receive at the hands of the belligerents. In reply the Colonial Secretary stated that a telegram had that morning (7th August) been received from the Secretary of State, advising that the proclamation of neutrality and rules concerning the treatment of neutral vessels had been despatched by mail to the colony. These were ultimately promulgated in a *Gazette Extraordinary*, published 8th September, and dealt chiefly with illegal sailings, illegal ship-building, and illegal expeditions. The Government very courteously furnished the Chamber with a considerable mass of correspondence—attached hereto—giving information regarding the restrictions placed on neutrals, the measures adopted for their protection against attacks by sea and other matters. The correspondence shows that Her Britannic Majesty's Government refused to treat

rice as an contraband of war; and that the Japanese would not consider the commodity generally known as "incense" in that category provided it was destined to a port whence tea is ordinarily exported.

OFFICIAL TELEGRAM CODE.

The attention of the Chamber was called to a circular issued last year, without date, bearing the names of the Eastern Extension, Australasia, and China Telegraph Co., Ltd. and Great Northern Telegraph Co. intimating that an arrangement had been made at the Paris Conference of 1890 for the International Bureau at Bern to prepare an official code vocabulary, consisting of 1,200,000 words, the use of which was to become compulsory for all code messages exchanged between stations in the European system after the expiration of three years from the date of its publication.

The proposed enforced use of a code, which would necessitate the abandonment of all those now in use, many of which have been compiled at a great expenditure of both time and money, was strongly opposed both at home and abroad, and it was hoped, as indicated in the annexed letter from the General Post Office, London, as regards extra-European messages, at least, it would not be made compulsory. A subsequent communication from Mr. W. Grigor Taylor, General Manager, Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Company, to the Secretary of the Singapore Chamber, particulars of which are only just to hand, makes it now doubtful if these messages will be allowed the privilege of exemption from the proposed arbitrary rule. He is reported to have said—"No time has been fixed for the compulsory introduction of this code, for extra-European telegrams. The matter will be fully discussed at the next meeting of the International Telegraph Convention to be held at Bern, Pash in 1896. No reliable information can be given before then. The code is not compulsory for European telegrams until 1st January, 1898. It is suggested that, meanwhile, any protest the Chambers of Commerce may like to make on the subject should be forwarded to the International Telegraph Bureau at Bern in order that they may be laid before the Convention."

NEW TREATY BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND JAPAN.

The announcement on the 1st July last that a new treaty between Great Britain and Japan, involving the surrender of extra-territorial privileges, and other equally important changes, had been entered into without reference to those most interested, was naturally received with surprise. In carrying out these negotiations the same difference seems to have been manifested with regard to Colonial interests, as in dealing with the sugar duties the change in which will have a very material effect on the local Government, were, apparently, not advised of the impending changes in the Japanese tariff and were not communicated with as to the probable effect these alterations would have on the trade of the Colony. The Chamber's correspondence on the subject, so far as it has gone, has been forwarded to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for transmission to the Foreign Office.

GAP ROCK LIGHTHOUSE.

The Government were good enough to place before the Committee Messrs. Cooke Sons & Matthews' report on the above lighthouse, asking for an expression of opinion as to the advisability of adopting the recommendations contained therein. As the report suggests such drastic measures as the removal and rebuilding of the lighthouse on another part of the island, at an expenditure of \$130,000, the Committee, with the limited information in their possession, were not prepared to suggest so serious an undertaking as above referred to, as it appears to them that in the apparent absence of any structural defect other remedies less costly might be tried. The question is really of a very important character, and in the opinion of the Committee the Government will do well to secure the expert assistance of Officers attached to the Imperial Chinese Customs, whose long and varied experience in the construction of lighthouses along the coast of China would render their opinions of the utmost value.

SUGGESTED RECONSTRUCTION OF THE GAP ROCK LIGHTHOUSE.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong, 16th March, 1895.
Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch of the 23rd ultimo addressed to Mr. McConachie enclosing copies of the report by Messrs. Cooke Sons and Matthews on the Gap Rock Lighthouse.
As requested the report has been submitted to the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, who will at an early date transmit to you their views thereon, but in the meanwhile I am requested to ask you to be good enough to furnish me for their information with the circumstances under which Mr. Matthews was invited to come to Hongkong for the specific purpose of reporting on the lighthouse.
The fact of his having been considered necessary to summon Mr. Matthews at great expense implies that there was an opinion obtained locally that the lighthouse was insecure, and as there is nothing whatever in Mr. Matthews' report suggesting that there is any structural weakness in the edifice, the Committee of the Chamber would be glad to be furnished with the local opinion, or report, previously obtained.
I have been instructed to advise *ad prout* of the Committee with the Government, and in the subject of the lighthouse for some years past so as clearly to define the position, and as the condemnation of the work is mainly confined to the site on which the lighthouse has been erected, I am to ask whether it is the same as was elected by Mr. Price who, it is understood, left complete plans for a lighthouse to be erected thereon.
When in possession of the full information now asked for, the Committee will have no time in going fully into the whole subject, and will furnish you with their views without loss of time.
In conclusion, I am directed to say that the Committee of the Chamber would have been pleased had the Permanent Committee appointed by His Excellency last year (to consult with the Harbour Master on important matters) been invited to confer with Mr. Matthews, as an expression of their views would have been of value to the Chamber in considering the very important question now submitted to them, and I am requested to point out that the vacancies which have arisen in the Committee have not yet been filled up.
Awaiting the receipt of the information above solicited, after receiving which I will again address you,—I have, &c.,
F. HENDERSON,
Secretary.

THE HONOURABLE J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Acting Colonial Secretary.

POSTAGE RATES TO NEIGHBOURING PORTS.

A wide discrepancy exists between the rates charged to neighbouring ports, such as Manila, and more distant places, but on pointing this out to the Government the Chamber was informed that for such anomalous charges there is no redress, Hongkong being subject to Postal Union rates. The inconsistency is the more striking when it is remembered that letters are carried locally at a nominal colonial rate, while the conveyance of mails to Great Britain necessitates the paying of heavy subsidies, as well as making very considerable returns to the Italian and French Governments.

STORM WARNINGS FROM GAP ROCK.

Mr. John I. Plummer, Acting Director of Hongkong Observatory, when reporting on the typhoon of 23rd September, 1894, and referring to the inadequate telegraph connection between the Gap Rock and Hongkong, pointed out that communication was discontinued at 4 p.m., and not resumed again until 9 o'clock on the following morning—an arrangement which he very justly considered most seriously detracted from the usefulness of the station as a point for the despatch of storm warnings. To be effective the communication should be made as far as possible continuous, and on this being brought to the notice of the Government His Excellency the Governor was good enough to issue instructions for the continuous transmission of messages in regard to storms, whenever the authorities at the Observatory may consider it necessary.

TRANSIT PASSES.

The attention of the Committee has again been directed to this important question, and a Sub-Committee was appointed to fully investigate it. A considerable amount of correspondence has taken place, but it does not, at present, seem advisable in the interest of those engaged in the trade in Foreign Goods to make the letters public. The Sub-Committee will report to the Chamber in the near future.

At a special general meeting of the members of the Chamber the Honourable A. McConachie was elected to take the place of the Honourable T. H. Whitehead in the Legislative Council during his absence from the Colony.

COMMITTEE.

Mr. H. H. Joseph retired on his departure from the Colony, and Mr. A. G. Wood is at present absent from leave. The Honourable A. McConachie, the Chamber's representative in the Legislative Council, was asked to join the Committee.

The Committee deeply regret to have to record the loss of Mr. H. Hopkins, a much valued colleague, who was for many years associated with the Chamber. Mr. N. A. Slebs has been invited to join the Committee.

MEMBERS.

During the past year Messrs. Cohen & George, and Mr. G. von Wille resigned, and the following names have been added to the list of members:—Messrs. A. H. Renne, the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., Bradley & Co., G. H. Wheeler, Attorney New York Standard Oil Company, Shewan & Co., and the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

FINANCE.

The accounts for the year ending 31st December were audited by Mr. J. Thuburn and Mr. J. V. Vernon. The balance at the debt of the Chamber was \$1,896.00 with a fixed deposit of \$5,250, and a special fixed deposit, account "Pinnacle Rock" Fund, of \$2,728.89, both amounts being in the hands of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE SECRETARY.

Jan. to Dec., 1894. Dr.

To rent for 1894..... \$ 600.00

" Secretary's salary..... " 375.00

" Jan. to Dec., 1894..... 1,500.00

" Clerk's salary for 1894..... 1,875.00

" Servants' wages for 1894..... 300.00

" Auditors' fees for 1893..... 40.00

" Printing circulars, &c., for half year ending 31st Dec., 1893..... 325.00

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" Subscription to Newspapers..... 115.50

" Advertising..... 35.15

" Telegrams to India and London..... 241.50

" Postage, telegrams, stationery and petty..... 183.62

" Renter's political telegrams..... 375.77

" Oct. to Dec., 1893..... 900.00

" Jan. to Dec., 1894..... 3,600.00

" Printing and circulating same..... 240.00

" Lawyer's Fees..... 4,740.00

" Cost of a memorial on silver question..... 100.00

" Cost of an Ordinance to protect telegrams..... 100.00

" Cost of amending same..... 50.00

" "Pinnacle Rock" fixed deposit..... 2,728.81

" Re-deposited..... 150.00

" Fixed deposit re-deposited..... 2,578.80

" Balance..... \$17,354.16

Jan. to Dec., 1894. Cr.

By Balance from last account..... 23.00

" Subscription of Members for 1894..... 2,380.00

" Sales of circulars including postage..... 123.76

" From 1st Jan. to 31st Dec., 1893..... 876.80

" From 1st Jan. to 31st Dec., 1894..... 940.56

" Subscriptions to political telegrams..... 900.00

" Oct. to Dec., 1893..... 900.00

" Jan. to Dec., 1894..... 3,678.56

" Interest on Current Account..... 9.91

" Fixed Deposit re-paid by Bank..... 2,578.80

" Interest on same..... 236.25

" Fixed Deposit, "Pinnacle Rock" Fund..... 2,728.81

" Re-paid by Bank..... 150.00

" Interest on same..... 150.00

" Balance..... 2,728.81

" Total..... \$17,354.16

DEFIDENCES.

At Debt.

To balance brought down..... \$1,896.00

At Credit.

Fixed deposit with Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, General Account..... \$5,250.00

" Pinnacle Rock" Fund..... 2,728.81

" Account..... 150.00

" Total..... \$9,974.81

E. & O. E.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1894.

F. HENDERSON, Secretary.

Examined and found correct.

J. V. VERNON, Auditor.

THE STRANDING OF THE "POLYPHEMUS."

MARINE COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Court of Inquiry into the circumstances attending the grounding of the "blue funnel" liner *Polyphebus*, Capt. W. T. Chubb, on Jubilee Island, close to Gap Rock, on the 8th inst., while on a voyage from Singapore to Hongkong, was held at the Harbour Office this morning. The Court was composed of Commander R. Murray Ramsey, R.N., Harbour Master (President), Lieut. F. W. Loane, R.N. (Undaunted), and Captains G. Payne (Kutsan), J. E. Farrell (Mongkut), and J. H. Clark (Benmah).

Mr. A. B. Johnson watched the proceedings on behalf of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, requesting the Harbour Master to investigate the circumstances of the grounding of the *Polyphebus*, was read.

William Thomas Chubb, master of the steamer *Polyphebus*, who holds a master's certificate No. 010481, granted at Liverpool, and was promoted to Acting Captain at Singapore on 10th April, and was prior to that chief officer of the *Polyphebus*, said—We left Singapore at 4 p.m. on the 2nd inst., with a general cargo for Hongkong and Japan. Had fine weather, smooth water and light winds, no current against the ship until the Maclefield Banks were passed. On Saturday, the 6th inst., the current set north 25 east 14 miles. We kept our usual three watches on the way up.

I was called at 4 a.m. on the morning of the 8th, the ship by dead reckoning then being 21 miles south of Gap Rock. The weather was slightly hazy, and I saw a steamer's light a good distance off on the starboard bow, and I had to "port" to helm. The weather being hazy the second officer asked me whether he had better remain on the bridge. The lead was hove and 26 fathoms reported. At 4.30 a.m. it was very foggy, so slowed engines to half speed. Again sounded and got 23 fathoms. At 4.45 reduced speed to "slow," and at 5 o'clock I told the second officer to take a note of that fact. At 5.10 a.m. speed reduced to "dead slow." Gap Rock fog signal was then heard for the first time. Just then ran the telegraph to "dead slow." As soon as I heard the fog signal I ordered engines to be reversed and then "full speed astern," as I knew we were close in to the land. The ship touched

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The various Governments and Municipal Corporations, and all Public Bodies and Companies, Bankers, Merchants, Consuls, Professional men, and other Residents, have supplied the necessary matter upon which specially sent for that purpose to be as accurate as possible. The Naval and Military authorities have been taken from the latest published official lists and revised at Headquarters. In fact, no pains have been spared to make "THE HONGKONG DIRECTORY AND HONG LIST FOR THE FAR EAST" a handy and perfectly reliable book of reference for all classes.

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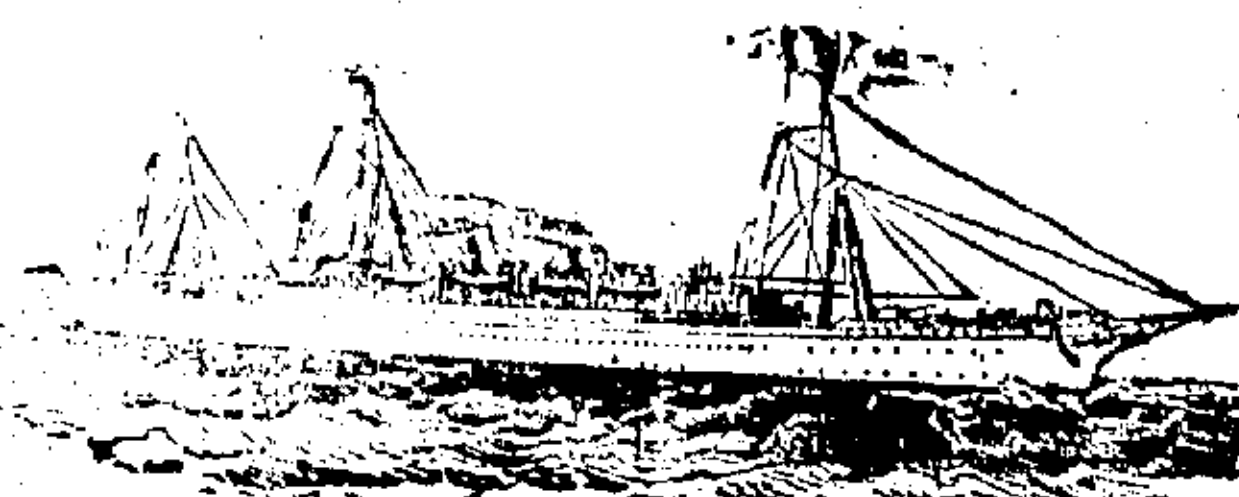
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Fern (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama) Saturday, 18th May, at Noon.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea & Yokohama) Saturday, 3rd June, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship "CHINA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU ON TUESDAY, the 30th April, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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Copile (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Tuesday, 28th May, at Noon.

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18th April, 1895.—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Wind.	Temp.	Bar.	Humid.	Cloud.
Wanchow	SE 10	80	30.1	85	10
Tsien	SE 10	80	30.1	85	10
Yokohama	SE 10	80	30.1	85	10
Kobe	SE 10	80	30.1	85	10
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19th April, 1895.—At 4 a.m.

STATION.	Wind.	Temp.	Bar.	Humid.	Cloud.
Wanchow	SE 10	80	30.1	85	10
Tsien	SE 10	80	30.1	85	10
Yokohama	SE 10	80	30.1	85	10
Kobe	SE 10	80	30.1	85	10
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On the 19th, at 11 a.m., the barometer was rising, with light to moderate east wind, and fair weather prevailing. Temperature in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit. Humidity in percentages of saturation. Direction of air observed with instrument being used. Direction of the wind in two points. Time at which according to observation, a change of the weather, a fine day, a drizzle, a shower, a fog, a rain, a snow, a hail, a sleet, a storm, a squall, a gale, a hurricane, a typhoon, a cyclone, or any other remarkable phenomenon, was observed.

F. G. FINE, First Assistant. Hongkong Observatory, 19th April, 1895.

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